

**September 14, 2025**

**9:30 AM Worship**

Song Leader – Chris Travis

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name – 19

Praise Him! Praise Him! - 532

Unto Thee, O Lord - 898

Opening Welcome and Prayer – Travis Shivers

In Need

He Paid a Debt - 859

Lord's Supper/Contribution – Nick Hagler

This World is Not My Home - 684

Dismissal to Junior Disciples

Reading: Rev. 2:1-7 – Randy Moon

Sermon: Revealing a Message to the Church  
- Mike Peters

Blessed Assurance – 71

A Common Love - 842

Closing Prayer – Chris Travis

Nursery – Cindy Burney

Greeter – Kathy Luper

Junior Disciples (2yr-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)

**Bible Class – 10:45 AM**

Cradle Roll – Angela Shivers

2-4: Edwin & Amanda Rutherford

K-5<sup>th</sup>: Brad & Thea Moser

6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>: Seth Riley

Adults: Evangelism – Mike Peters

*Everyone meets in the Auditorium*

**Wednesday Bible Class – 7PM**

Auditorium – Donnie Mitchell

Men's Class – Mike Peters

Ladies Class – Tonya Crouch

2-3's:

4's-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Tyler Binkley & Kaylee Penick

Teens: Seth Riley

**Internet Guest Password: 1John4:4**

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## Unveiling Revelation: Finding Hope in Christ's Victory

The Book of Revelation often evokes words like "scary," "confusing," or "controversial." But what if we could see this powerful book in a new light? What if, instead of focusing on fear or controversy, we could discover the true message of hope and victory that lies at its heart?

When approaching Revelation, we often make critical mistakes. Some Christians skip it entirely, intimidated by its imagery. Others get lost analyzing every symbol and number, missing the forest for the trees. Revelation is like a painting - if you focus only on individual brushstrokes, you miss the masterpiece. As one theologian notes, "The Book of Revelation is not so much designed to dispense information as it is designed to strengthen the reader's commitments."

The very first verse tells us what this book is truly about: "The revelation of Jesus Christ." The Greek word "apocalypse" simply means "a revealing" or "an unveiling." Like a curtain being pulled back, Revelation shows us what cannot be seen with human eyes - the ultimate reality behind our visible world.

At the heart of Revelation is the image of the slaughtered Lamb. Christ conquers not through violence but through sacrifice. Jesus wins not by inflicting violence but by absorbing it. This is "lamb power" - victory through faithful witness rather than worldly domination.

In the opening chapter, we see Jesus described as the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, the ruler of the kings of the earth, and the one who holds the keys of death and Hades. This majestic portrait reminds believers that true authority belongs to Christ alone, not to earthly powers that demand our allegiance. When John sees this glorious vision of Jesus, he falls "at his feet as though dead" - the only appropriate response. Yet Jesus responds with tender reassurance: "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore." Importantly, Revelation shows Jesus "in the midst of the lampstands," which represent the churches. He isn't far away - He's present among His people right now.

The central question Revelation asks is this: Where does your loyalty lie? Everyone wants Jesus as Savior, but not everyone wants Him as King. The frightening images in Revelation aren't meant to scare faithful Christians but to give them hope. Biblical hope isn't wishful thinking but confident assurance that everything will ultimately be okay for those loyal to Christ.

The message of Revelation is ultimately simple: If you are faithful to King Jesus, you have nothing to fear. We win - not through violence or domination, but through faithful witness to the Lamb who was slain.

## Upcoming Events

9/14 - Everyone is invited to a Wedding Shower for Kaylee Penick and Tyler Binkley on Sunday, September 14th at 1:30 pm in the FLC. They are registered on Amazon.

10/25 – Trunk or Treat (More Details to Come)

12/4 – Trip to Pattis 1880 Settlement for lunch. There's a signup sheet in the foyer if you'd like to go. It's open to anyone that wishes to go. The reservation is for a maximum of 15 people. The church van will leave promptly at 9:00 am. See Tonya Crouch if you have any questions.

12/6 Breakfast with Santa (More Details to Come)

## News

Magi Boxes are ready to be picked up in the foyer, with a detailed item list inside. Postage and Bibles will be provided by the congregation. Boxes will be due at the end of September. Please place them on the stage in the auditorium when you have filled them. Our goal is 150 boxes. If you don't want to fill a box but would like to contribute money to go toward the Bibles, please see Don Mooreland.

If you spill food or drinks anywhere in the building, help us out by cleaning up as much as possible. To help discourage critters.

*All announcements for the bulletin need to be sent to Tonya by Tuesday at [accocsec@gmail.com](mailto:accocsec@gmail.com) Thank you.*

## Prayer Requests

Lynn West will be having rotator cuff surgery on September 17.

## Shut-Ins

Louise Beshears (Vantage Point); Juanita Glasgow (Vantage Point); Shirley Hamilton (HC); Linda Pewitt; Preston & Dot Tucker (Vantage Point Rm 414)

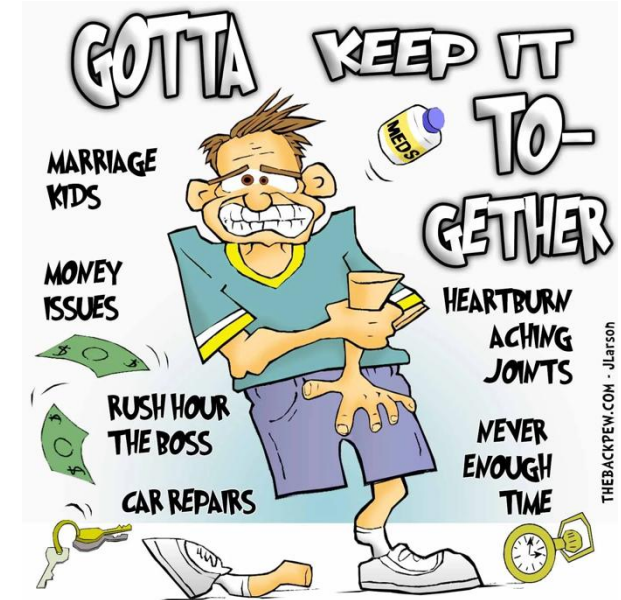
## Anniversaries

Jeff and Cindy Burney 9/16  
Jason and Sandy Cannon 9/16

## Stats For 9/14

AM Worship – 124  
Bible Class – 55

Wednesday – 67  
Contribution - \$5433  
Weekly Budget - \$5731.00  
YTD Avg. – \$5412.90



Don't worry ... instead pray about everything; tell God what you need & thank him for all He has done. **Ph 4:6**

## Continued Prayers for...

Darlene Baxter, Joe Bruggeman, Sr.; Barbara Craig, Joe Demonbreum, Ricky Hackett, J.W. Hymer, Clint Johnson, Anita Lunn, Kim Mayberry, Lynn Moreland, Char Nicholson, Trudy Thrasher, Ridge Tittle, Debbie Todd, Lynne West, Dee Shivers, Delana Oglesby, Marilyn Delashmitt, Dorenda Mahaney